By the Committee of Safety

Of the Common-wealth of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*.

A PROCLAMATION

Requiring the Departure of the Perſons herein mentioned, out of the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and places adjacent.

THe Committee of Safety having received certain Information, that great numbers of perſons, who have been in actual Arms under the late King and his Sonne, or on their behalf, have, and do daily reſort to the Cities of London and Weſtminſter, for the better carrying on ſome miſchievous deſign againſt the ſaid City of London, and the Peace of the Common-Wealth; And that the Tumults, which have lately been in the ſaid City of London, have been not only promoted and deſigned by ſuch dangerous perſons, but themſelves have been the chief Actors in, and Abettors of them, although they have endeavoured to colour the ſame under the pretence and name of Apprentices (ſome of which have been cunningly ſeduced and inſtigated by them) that thereby they might take advantage to poſſeſs the Wealth and riches of the ſaid City, to inrich themſelves, being, for the moſt part, perſons of proſligate Lives and deſperate Fortunes. And the ſaid Committee being ſenſible in how great danger the ſaid City, and the Inhabitants thereof, and the parts adjacent are, by the reſidence of ſuch perſons here, where they do but watch for an opportunity to effect their malicious and cruel purpoſes, to the ruine of the ſaid City, and the embroiling of the People of this Common-Wealth in further troubles. For preventing the ſaid dangers, and preſerving the Peace and Safety of the ſaid Cities, and of the Common-Wealth, The Committee of Safety hold it neceſſary to publiſh and declare, and they do hereby Order, enjoin, and require, That all and every perſon and perſons, who have been in actual Arms under the late King, or Charles Stuart his Son, againſt the Parliament or this Common-Wealth, or have aided, adviſed, abetted or aſſiſted the ſaid late King in the War againſt the Parliament, or in any War, by, or on the behalf of the ſaid Charls Stuart, do, before One of the clock in the afternoon of Saturday the ſeventeenth day of December inſtant, depart out of the Cities of London and Weſtminſter, and all other places within the late Lines of Communication, or Weekly Bills of Mortality, and twenty miles of the ſame, and not

return into any place or places within the said twenty miles, until the third day of February next, without license from the said Committee of Safety: And that the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of the Militia, and all Constables and other Officers of the said City of London, and all Justices of the Peace, Constables, and other Officers, Civil and Military, within the City of Westminster, Counties of Middlesex, Kent, Surrey, Hertford, and Essex, within their respective Liberties, Precincts and Jurisdictions, do cause search to be made for all and every the persons aforesaid so required to depart, who shall from and after the said 17 day of December instant, be and remain within the said Cities and places aforesaid, or shall return thither within the time before limited, without Licence from the said Committee of Safety, and them, and every one of them to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended and committed to prison, by Warrant under the hands and seals of the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Justices of the Peace, or one of them respectively; and forthwith return the names of such person and persons, as shall be so apprehended, to the said Committee of Safety: And all Keepers of Goals or Prisons, are hereby authorized and required to receive all and every such person and persons into their respective Goals and Prisons, and them to keep under safe custody, until they shall be discharged by Warrant or Order from the Committee of Safety, as every such Keeper of any Goal or Prison will answer the contrary at his peril. And whereas by an Act of Parliament published in print by Order of the 13 of July last, It is Enacted, That all Popish Priests and Jesuits, and all persons whosoever that have been in Arms against the Parliament, or Commonwealth, since the year 1641. that ought to have made their compositions and have not finished the same, or have not been pardoned by the Parliament, and all Delinquents excepted from composition should then forthwith depart out of the said Cities of London and Westminster, and the Lines of Communication: And that if any the aforesaid person or persons should be found within England after the first day of August 1659. that then all and every such person or persons, being apprehended or taken, should be proceeded against as Traitors to the Commonwealth, and should be so adjudged, condemned and executed accordingly: The said Committee of Safety do hereby require the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners for the Militia, Constables and other Officers, within the Cities and Counties aforesaid respectively, cause diligent search for all and every such person and persons, and them, and every of them (except such as have in pursuance of the said Act been licenced by the Parliament or Council of State, to stay in Town) to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended and imprisoned, and proceeded against according to the said Act. And it is hereby Declared, That if any person or persons, shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be apprehended any the last mentioned offenders, such person so discovering or apprehending, or causing such offender to be apprehended, shall have and receive to his own use, all the goods and personal estate of all and every such offender as aforesaid, as a reward for his said service; And that all and every person or persons, who shall from and after the said 17 day of December instant, discover and apprehend, or cause to be apprehended any other person or persons, hereby required to depart out of the said Cities of London and Westminster, and places aforesaid, and bring such person before the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of the Militia or any of them respectively, shall have and receive a reward according to their desert, by Order of the said Committee of Safety.

Given at Whitehall this 16. day of December 1659.

ORdered by the Committee of Safety, that this Proclamation be forthwith printed and published.

Willobinson, Clerk of the Committee of Safety.

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